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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS ZA TZ
SUBJ: BOMB FOUND AT RESIDENCE OF TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER

1. ZAMBIAN PRESS OF JANUARY 23 REPORTS THAT A BOMB WAS FOUND AND DEFUSED AT THE RESIDENCE OF AUCKLAND MHINA, TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ZAMBIA. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE CONFIRMED TO REPORTERS THAT A BOMB WAS DISCOVERED IN A PACKAGE NEAR THE GATE OF MHINA'S HOME IN A LUSAKA SUBURB, BUT THAT IT WAS DISARMED BY LOCAL POLICE DEMOLITION EXPERTS.

2. DR. MWALE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT IT IS THE WORK OF THE ENEMIES OF TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA, BUT THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE DO NOT GET AWAY WITH IT." HE ASSURED THE TANZANIAN ENVOY THAT THE POLICE WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO TRACK DOWN THOSE BEHIND THE INCIDENT.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MWALE EMPHASIZED THAT THE BOMB WAS PLANTED BECAUSE OF THE TANZANIAN AND ZAMBIAN STAND ON
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SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, THE INCIDENT COULD BE RELATED TO THE RECENT TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER POSSIBLE TANZANIAN WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR ZAMBIA AT THE PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM. RHETORIC OVER THE POSSIBLE TANZANIAN ACTION GOT QUITE HEATED IN PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESS, AND MAY HAVE SERVED AS SUFFICIENT INSPIRATION TO "GET BACK" AT A VISIBLE TANZANIAN OFFICIAL. LUSAKA HAS

NOT BEEN IMMUNE TO BOMBINGS IN THE PAST -- WITNESS THE
ASSASSINATION OF CHITEPO AND MOYO -- BUT TWO BOMBINGS
WITHIN TWO WEEKS (TIMES AND NOW THE TANZANIAN HIGH COMMIS-
SIONER AS A FORM OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION), IS UNPRECEDENTED
AND DISTURBING.

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